



AN HISTORIC QUADRANGLE

The 4 colonial houses on Washington St. were all built before the War of 1812. The oldest may be the Harold Fitzgibbons house on Mattakesett Court, whose simple interior architecture suggests that part of it may have been built as early as 1780. (The more elegant houses were constructed around 1800, during the era of shipbuilding prosperity.) In the mid-19th century a tinsmith shop was established in the Fitzgibbons house, and it flourished for years. The late Miss Annie Dunham of Island Creek remembered buying tinware in the shop. This was a multiple dwelling for several years early in the present century. At one time between 1910 and 1920, this house had 3

apartments.

Two Inns

During the 1920s, Roscoe Chandler's house on the corner of Washington and Harrison streets was a public inn known as the Old Brunswick House. In the early 1900s Frederick Hunt acquired the property and operated a lodging house and livery stable. He used to run coaches and wagons to the South Duxbury Depot, ferrying passengers and freight. When he sold the house to Maurice Chandler in 1912, it was run-down. Like many other colonials, it faced south, with no entry on Washington St. Maurice Chandler cut a hall and doorway that fronted on Washington St. and remodeled it when he moved his family into the house in 1915.

He operated it as the Bayside Inn until 1923.

The late Mr. Chandler also ran an automobile livery and taxi service, with 3 or 4 drivers, and handled the mail. In 1928 his son Roscoe established Chandler's Express, which he operated for 20 years, running his trucks to and from Boston. A gasoline permit enabled him to maintain tanks on the property.

Another Inn

Early in the century the Tweed House was known as the Franklin Hotel. Later Albert Carroll operated it as the Colonial Inn. The Chandler family, who owned it at

the time, sold it to Gordon Tweed in 1920. The present owners are Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Leonard.